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Full "ACTION"

REF: BOLA-19356

ACTION REQUIRED: For Your Information

1. UPSWING has reported the following information on Subject case: Since V-22356 is to undergo an unspecified kind of sanatorium treatment in Bad Kissingen, beginning on 3 May 1956 and ending on 2 June, he was not able to hold the meeting with his GTS contact in East Berlin on 31 May, as planned. Further, as pointed out by his UPSWING handler, trips to East Berlin could not logically be explained (as mentioned in paragraph 1 of Reference). Moreover, V-22356's financial position was so poor that such a trip was out of the question.

2. V-22356, on UPSWING's directions, wrote a letter on 14 May to the GTS cover address he had been given and outlined his personal circumstances, stating why he could not meet further in Berlin. There was no immediate reply to this letter. In order not to break contact with the GTS, V-22356 was directed on 13 August to send a postcard to the cover address. He wrote briefly of his personal situation.

3. On 14 August, V-22356 received a letter which had been mailed in Vienna (the letter itself was not dated nor was place of origin given). He was told to report for a meeting on 17 October in Berlin, Vienna, or Salzburg, the city to be chosen by him. This letter was apparently in answer to the agent's letter of 14 May.

4. On 21 September, V-22356 received a postcard from Salzburg (postmarked 19 September 1956, 2 P.M.) with the following text:

"I am in Salzburg for a short time only and as always I send only a hearty greeting to you and your family."

Johnston

Please answer soon."

Distribution:

- 3 - EG, w/1 Cy UPSWING Memo # 18159/56 & Anlage (English Translation)
- 2 - COM, w/o UPSWING Memo, but w/Anlage (English Translation)

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V-22356 interpreted this to mean: a) the StB wanted, via the postcard, to put him under some kind of pressure; b) the StB intended (per "via letter") that the meeting on 17 October be held in East Berlin.

5. Under UPTWING guidance, V-22356 wrote on 28 September to the cover address and said that he was ready to meet on 17 October in Salzburg at the Restaurant of the Hauptbahnhof. Since he had received no new assignments from the StB, he was instructed to take to the meeting the "pie material" which had been prepared previously (for the 31 May meeting).

6. The meeting took place, under UPTWING surveillance, in Salzburg as scheduled. V-22356 was met by a person completely unknown to him who obviously had little knowledge of the case. He appeared well-to-do, had cultivated manners, and gave the impression of knowing Salzburg well. After the first contact in the restaurant of the Salzburg Hauptbahnhof, further discussions took place in the Hotel am Mirabell (sic). The StB representative first asked about the personal circumstances and professional prospects of V-22356. The latter replied truthfully and made no bones about the fact that professionally he was having great difficulty and saw no possibility in the future to undertake any trips (presumably for meetings with the StB). The StB contact followed these statements attentively and replied, "They (sic) probably have misconceptions about this and do not see it correctly." In general, he was pleased that the meeting had taken place and gave his opinion that future meetings would take place in Salzburg. V-22356 handed over the "pie material". The StB contact then broached the problem of German unification. He said that this was a matter for future generations on both sides. The shock and experiences of 1945 had to be forgotten first.

7. He expressed next his opinion that the young generation in the GDR have the definite desire to learn the German language. In addition he said that the people of the GDR, whose greater number live in German-speaking areas, consider it useful to learn the language of their largest neighbor. Along with this point, there exists for both sides in the future the necessity to enter first into economic contact and later also into political contact. V-22356 stated that in the Federal Republic in those circles not immediately affected by expulsion from the GDR, similar attitudes have gained ground. He alleged that the will exists to build a bridge between the two countries in economic matters. The StB representative praised this point of view and said that the factual, non-emotional point of view of V-22356 pleased him. He said he was glad that someone who had experienced the greatest personal difficulties after 1945 did not linger on them in reminiscence.

8. The StB man also stated that he did not regard the meeting from the point of view of achieving positive results, but rather he felt the necessity of getting to know the agent personally in order to have a better basis for their future relationship. Returning to the personal position of the agent, the Czech asked if he would be willing to take a job in a field other than that which he considered his own—for example, in some kind of business, possibly in one which he could assist him in. (UPTWING did not report V-22356's reply to this offer.)

9. Following this discussion, the meeting was concluded. V-22356 was given 300 for which he signed a receipt. The next meeting was set for 16 January 1977

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at the Hotel am Hirschhof in Palsburg. No assignments were given to the agent.

10. UPPINE Comments: The course of this meeting indicates that V-22356 was expected in East Berlin by his former RIG contact and that the Czech who met him in Palsburg did so only as a result of the RIG's desire to maintain a relationship. It can be assumed that the new Czech handler did not in fact know the details of the early history of the case. Apparently, he knew only the simplest essentials.

11. UPPINE believes that the Czech who last met V-22356 may be the same person as the Czech VOF who met V-22356 at Pull ANKEDOTE (see ESLL-19354, etc.) at the Cafe "Glockenspiel" in Palsburg on 18 September. This assumption, UPPINE states, is based on the following points:

a. V-22356 received the invitation to a meeting on a postcard showing a picture of the Palsburg Hausgarten which was mailed on 19 September at 2 P.M. in Palsburg.

b. The description of the RIG representative at the Cafe "Glockenspiel" coincides with that of the person at the Palsburg Hausgarten.

c. Neither at the meeting of V-22356 nor at the meeting of V-22356 were assignments given the agents.

d. In both cases the RIG representative made the suggestion that the agents enter a business without, nevertheless, becoming specific.

e. The topics of conversation in both cases were concerned solely with politics.

12. The Analogs of the UPPINE name attached to this dispatch contains a description of the Czech VOF.

13. FOE Comments: This case from its inception has moved along at a slow pace, and it would appear that the RIG intends to take no action other than maintaining contact with the agent until he has found a job. Depending on its nature, we should expect to see some more definite trends in the RIG handling of the case. Meanwhile, they seem to be content with the fact that they have an asset in the Federal Republic, who, because of his background, offers certain potential as a source of political, if not other type, information. It should be added that the "psychological V-22356 passed contained no reference to item c.o.) of paragraph 6 of Reference. The agent stated that he had not been able to fulfill the requirement. As far as his job with HILM WELT is concerned, G KUTZBACH informed the undersigned recently that it is still a possibility, but that V-22356 has been asked to submit several manuscripts to the editor before a final decision is reached.

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Assignment to H-10-001393
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Admission to H-10-001393/24

Physical description of a Czechoslovakian intelligence agent who was with P-001393 in Salzburg on 17 October 1954.

Name, covername, first name, place and date of birth, address and cover address are unknown.

Age: About 30-35 years old with a young appearance, about 170 cm.
 Hair: Tall, strong build, slightly fat.
 Eyes: Dark blond, curved back, very thick, at the time of the meeting was too large, slightly wavy, receding slightly in the middle forehead.
 Nose: Full, large oval face, slightly fat with a reddish complexion.
 Mouth: In comparison with the large face, the mouth is too small, large twin, otherwise normal placement.
 Teeth: In comparison with the large face, the nose is also too small but very straight.
 Beard: None.
 Glasses: None.
 Ears: Normal.
 Teeth: Healthy and complete. No noticeable gold crown. Teeth have a slight staining stain.
 Eyes: Large, close, deep-set blue eyes (dark-blue).
 Hands: White and small with long fingers, very short and flimsy, the backs of hands have some ulcers, one thumbnail (thought to be the left) sticks out as though it had been injured.
 Appearance: Slender, well dressed. Wore a gray-green trenchcoat and a sport-type combination suit of a gray checked jacket and green pants. He had no gloves.
 Speech: Average, slightly towards the upper class. Has good command of this German language even though a Czechoslovakian accent. Czechoslovakian is his native language. He stated he was from Moravia. According to his own statement, speaks good French and was quite competent in Russian because of his dialect. Steady gait with no faltering motions.
 Walk: Very heavy stride (only edge-wise). Stated American fellow classmates during the meeting and by his own statement, "do you know?" wore no rings (including no wedding ring), though he stated that he was married.

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